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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other: Petition for Extension of Time

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2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$880.00 enclosed for payment of the RCE fee plus a \$110 fee for a one-month extension of time.

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

d. If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220

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CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

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In re: Goudsmit et al.

Application Serial No.: 09/760,085

Filed: January 12, 2001

For: *Isolation and Amplification of Nucleic Acid Materials*

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the March 7, 2003 final Office Action and July 11, 2003 Advisory Action issued for the above identified patent application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 7, 2003 with a fee for a two-month extension of time. Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for Extension of Time. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.